

# CALIFORNIA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **National Experts To Address Technology And Higher Education**

#### ***Meeting Of Postsecondary Education Commission To Be Held At APPLE Headquarters In The Silicon Valley On July 30 And 31***

**July 19, 2001– Sacramento** – The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) will host a forum in the heart of the Silicon Valley to address the advances underway in the use of technology and higher education in a meeting to be held July 30 and 31 at the corporate headquarters of APPLE, 4 Infinite Loop, Cupertino, California. The meeting convenes on Monday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m. The second-day session starts at 8:30 a.m.

According to Commission Chair Alan Arkatov, the afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to a discussion about the critical topic of the direction California postsecondary education is to take in incorporating advances in technology, particularly the employment of resources made available via the World Wide Web, in postsecondary education. Arkatov said the Commission would hear from several nationally known experts, including:

- **Stanley Chodorow, former CEO of California Virtual University;**
- **William H. Graves, Chairman and Founder of Eduprise; and**
- **Casey Green, Director of the Campus Computing Project.**

Warren H. Fox, Commission executive director, said the issues surrounding technology and education are critical to the state and the July discussion will help guide development of policy in that area. He said CPEC would also address several other important topics at this meeting, including executive compensation in California public higher education, community college transfer, and the revamped state Cal Grant program.

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Commission Vice Chair Carol Chandler said issues like the use of technology in higher education are extremely important in rural areas of the state where distance education can help compensate for the decreased availability of some conventional education resources in those regions. Additionally, she said information about student transfers to four-year degree-granting institutions from local community colleges is also of vital interest to students in areas like California's Central Valley.

The Commission is the state's independent higher education coordinating and planning body. It consists of 16 members, nine of whom represent the general public, five who represent the major systems of California education (the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, the independent colleges and universities, and the State Board of Education), and two student representatives.

Further information about higher education in California and a complete copy of the July CPEC meeting agenda may be obtained through the website of the Postsecondary Education Commission at <http://www.cpec.ca.gov>.

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